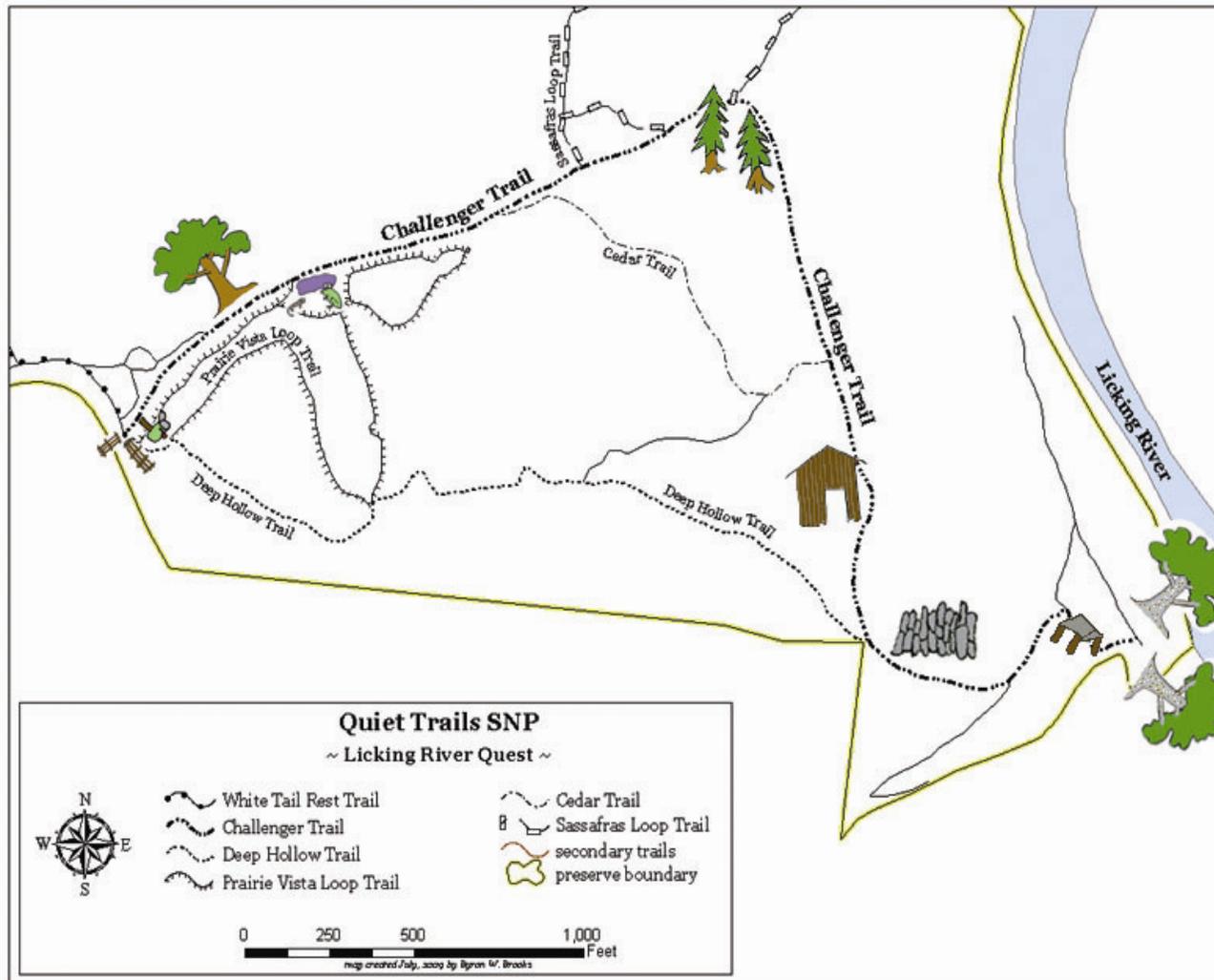


Your trek is now complete and you should give yourself a hand.
 For you have passed every test throughout this sacred land.
 Where Mr. Wiglesworth had a vision to conserve.
 This place known as Quiet Trails State Nature Preserve.



To get there: From Cynthiana, take U.S. 27 north for approximately 10 miles. Turn right onto KY 1284, which leads into Sunrise. Continue straight onto Pugh's Ferry Road after crossing the four way intersection. The Preserve parking area is located on the right, 1.8 miles from the intersection.



Kentucky Questing sites can be found across the Commonwealth. Go to <http://einkentucky.org> to find one near you.

Quiet Trails State Nature Preserve Quest

Bill Wiglesworth donated his nature sanctuary to the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission in 1992. Come visit to see why he named it Quiet Trails.

Difficulty: moderate
Walking Conditions: Hiking trail/
 Road bed
Type of Quest: nature
Ages: adult/child

Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission
 801 Schenkel Lane
 Frankfort, KY 40601



1.- Get out of the vehicle & give yourself a hand.
One of Harrison County's highest ridges is where
you now stand.

On a nice clear day the view sure is grand!
Now let's go on a journey and explore this land.

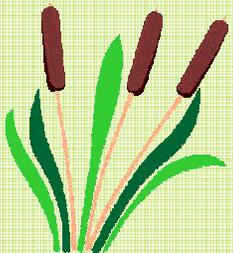
2.- In the northeast corner you will find a hole,
Through the parking-lot fence is where you go.
Look to the right and find the Challenger Trail.
Follow it and look for the box that holds mail.

Open it up and sign your name.
Now you can officially begin the game.

3.- Many different trees here abound,
But one in particular can be found.
On the left side of the trail it does hide,
With big, thick branches spreading wide.
In summer the lobes of its leaves are round,
In fall and winter they're scattered on the ground
Its high grade wood & acorns serve many a need,
Barrels, baskets, furniture and wildlife food are
just a few indeed.

So remember it now for you will see
Several more examples of the great white oak tree.

4.- Down Challenger Trail we must venture further
To a spot on the Preserve that is like no other.
On the right side of the trail look out for a pond
Of which the dragonflies are quite fond.
Turtles and salamanders also think it's nice.
For your next few steps, a little advice -
Try and stay quiet, not even a peep,
And one of nature's rewards you might reap.



The pond is full of life no matter the season
So let's go through all four and find out the reason.
Undoubtedly spring is the best time to see
Baby tadpoles and insects we call larvae.
But the best of the best, better than any other
Is to be here anytime during the summer.

Listen close and you just might hear
A chorus of frogs at this time of year!
But soon they begin to wriggle to the shallow bottom
Where they take a long nap beginning in autumn
During the winter the pond may be frozen
But down in the mud the frogs are still dozing.

5.- Now go ahead and be on your way.
Your trek has just started so you cannot stay.
On the Challenger Trail we've got distance to cover.
We must hike down this path and not any other.

6.- Pass the Sassafras Trail and keep moving on.
The land tells a story of days that are gone.
See all those rock piles just lying around?
That is a clue to what happened on this ground.
The forest is young, in "early succession";
Of previous land-use that should give an impression.
Why is this important, what can it be,
That here the cedar is an abundant tree?
Rusty barbwire fences can still be found,
Within some of the trees growing around.
These things are not natural, but due to man's hand.
Farming and livestock were once on this land!
Rocks were removed in order to till.
Planting crops here took a great deal of will.

7.- Our next stop is a barn that can give you a clue
As to the kinds of crops that they grew
Right next to the trail you can see in through the wall
So there's no need to venture inside at all.
In fact it is quite dangerous to for you to do so,
That is why inside the barn you must not go!
From sticks in the rafters, hung up to dry
Tobacco was stored there 'til the auction drew nigh.

8.- The Challenger Trail is what you must follow.
Don't venture down the trail called Deep Hollow.
To your left you will see a stone fence,
Is it stacked that way for a reason?
Don't you love the suspense!

"Edge fences" are called this type of construction,
Under heavy snow they don't suffer destruction.
From the vertical stones water can freely drain.
The years come and go, but these fences remain.

9.- Keep going & a picnic shelter you will behold.
Where an old log cabin once stood long ago.
Some of the cabin's lumber is still there it seems.
Now used as the shelter's hewn wooden beams.

10.- Follow the trail through the flood plain
which is near.

For the flowing water you can hear.
Along its shore the sycamore tree can be found.
With mottled trunks of green, white, yellow, gray
& brown.
For building lumber, this species is not very good,
But in your kitchen you might find its wood.
Its wood is prized as butcher blocks you see.
This is America's largest broadleaf tree.
Here the great salt lick creek now known as the
Licking River flows.
To the Ohio from the Cumberland Plateau.
There lives mussels called the fanshell, clubshell,
sheepnose, washboard and many more.
Whose shells are sometimes washed on the shore.

